FALSE PROPHETS,

ANTICRISTS, DECEIVERS,

Which are in the World, which *John* Propheſied of, which hath been long hid and Covered.

But now is unmasked in theſe laſt dayes with the Eternal Light which is riſen, are they ſeen and diſcovered, praiſes be to the Living God.

And with the Scriptures which they have made a trade of and deceived poor people withall, are they tryed and made manifeſt to be thoſe which the Scripture ſpeaks of, which with fained words and Covetouſneſſe makes Merchandize of the people, and ſo betrayes their Soules.

Alſo a Word to the Heads and Governours of this Nation, who have put forth a Declaration for the keeping of a Day of Humiliation for the Perſecution (as they ſay) of the poor Inhabitants in the Valley of *Lucerna*, *Angrona*, and others profeſſing the Reformed Religion which hath been tranſmitted unto them from their Anceſtors.

By *M. Fell.*

And I ſaw three unclean ſpirits, like frogs come out of the mouth of the Dragon, and out of the mouth of the Beaſt, and out of the mouth of the falſe Prophet, Rev. 16.13.

But there were falſe Prophets alſo among the people, even as there ſhall be falſe Teachers among you, who privily ſhall bring in damnable hereſies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bringing upon themſelves ſwift deſtruction,

And many ſhall follow their pernicious wayes, by reaſon of whom the way of truth is evil ſpoken of, 2 Pet. 2.1,2.

And alſo *James Milners* Condemnation upon that which erred from the Light.

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John 8. Isa. 42.

I *Am the Light of the world, and doth enlighten every one that comes into the world,* saith Christ Jesus. *I the Lord who hath called thee in Righteousnesse, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a Covenant to the people, and for a light unto the Gentiles.* Now all people see where you are; And try your Teachers what they lead you into, which drawes you from the light which Christ Jesus hath enlightened you withall, who saith, He that walks in the Light, shall have the Light of Life: and *John* saith, in *John* 1. that *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.* Now try your Teachers, which drawes you from the light, by the Scriptures, which they take to speak unto you, and (as they say) is their Rule. Let it likewise be your rule to try them with; and search the Scriptures, and examine them honestly, and see whether ye be not Deceived by them which drawes you from the Light, which is and ever was the Saints Teacher, and ever shall be. And *John* saith, that he was not the light, but he was sent to bear witnesse of that light which was the true Light, *that enlightens every man that cometh into the world.* Now all people try and see your Teachers, whether all your Priests of *England* be not witnesses contrary to *John.* He beares witness to the light, which enlightens every man that cometh into the world; and they bear witness against the Light, and saith, he doth not enlighten every one that cometh into the world: And tells people that they must look after them for Meanes and Ordinances, and so blind poor people, and keeps them in Ignorance and Darkness: But all people who love your own soules, search into the Scriptures, and try them by the Scriptures, which you call the Word and Rule to walk by, and you shall find them the Deceivers and the Antichrists, and the false Prophets, which they tell you so much on, that should come in the latter dayes; *John* saith, *Many false Prophets are gone out into the world.* Now try your Teachers by this, and see whether they be not in the world, not separated from the world, but drawes from the light, which separates from the world, and leads out of the world. But they witness against the light, and pleads for sin and the Kingdom

of Antichriſt which is of the world: And John ſaith, *This is the Condemnation, that light is come into the world, But men love Darkneſs rather then Light, becauſe their deeds are evil. For every one that doth evil, hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, leſt his deeds ſhould be reproved. But he that doth truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifeſt, whether they be wrought in God.* Now all poor people, ſee whether theſe be not the falſe prophets, which are entred into the world, which drawes from the Light, which isthe worlds condemnation. And whether theſe be not Deceivers and Antichriſts, which *John* ſpeaks on, that are entred into the world, which drawes from the Light, and doth not confeſſe Chriſt Jeſus come in the fleſh; But doth deny the Light, and doth perſecute, and call them Deceivers and falſe Prophets which witneſſes Chriſt come in the fleſh, and walks in the light which he hath enlightened them withall; theſe they ſtock, and priſon, and cauſe to be beat in their Synagogues, as all did that went before them, who ever perſecuted the Righteous ſeed, who denyes the light. The ſame *John* which ſaith, *Falſe Prophets, Deceivers and Antichriſts are gone into the world*; ſaith, *Theſe things have I written unto you, concerning them that ſeduce you; But the Anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you, but as the ſame Anointing teacheth you all things, and is truth, and is no lie: and even as it hath taught you, you ſhall abide in him.* Now, all people, ſee who be the falſe prophets, whether *John* and thoſe that witneſs the Anointing; or your Teachers, which drawes from the Anointing? Chriſt Jeſus ſaith, *I am come a light into the world, that whoſoever believeth on me ſhall not abide in darkneſſe.* This ſame Chriſt ſaith in the 7. of *Matth. Beware of falſe Prophets which comes to you in ſheeps cloathing, but inwardly they are Ravening Wolves; by their fruits ye ſhall know them.* Now try your Teachers by this Scripture, and ſee whether they have not been cloathed all this while with ſheeps cloathing, the Saints cloathing, the words and profeſſion of Chriſt: but now when the ſheep comes, who knowes his voyce, and will not follow ſtrangers, ſuch as they; now ſee if they do not appear outwardly to be Ravening Wolves; what they were before inwardly, their fruits doth make them manifeſt: Therefore let the Scripture try them. The ſame Chriſt Jeſus ſaith unto the Diſciples who came unto him privately on the Mount of Olives, *Matth.* 24. *And*

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Jeſus anſwered and ſaid unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you; for many ſhall come in my Name, ſaying, I am Chriſt, and ſhall deceive many. Now try your Teachers, and ſee whether they have any thing but a name and a profeſſion of Chriſt, who drawes from the Light. Whereas Chriſt Jeſus ſaith, he is the Light: And Chriſt ſaith, *Then ſhall they deliver you up, and kill you, and ye ſhall be hated of all Nations for my Names ſake.*

Now ſee whether theſe Prieſts of yours be hated and killed, which drawes from the light, or thoſe who witneſs Chriſt Jeſus, which is the light, which ſaith, *many falſe Prophet ſhall ariſe, which ſhall deceive many*: and try if they be not them which ſaith, *Loe here is Chriſt, and loe there*: But Chriſts Command is, *believe them not; for there ſhall ariſe falſe Chriſts and falſe Prophets, and ſhall ſhew great ſigns and wonders, inſomuch, that if it were poſſible, they would deceive the very Elect.* But the Elect, who dwells in the light which comes from Jeſus they cannot deceive, in it they are ſeen, and known and tryed, and made manifeſt to be the deceivers, to be the falſe Prophets and Antichriſts, And with the light which comes from Jeſus, they are condemned with the world, and turned from, with all the Children of light: therefore poor people who are out of the light, you they do deceive; but thoſe whoſe minds are turned to the light, and abides in the light, they cannot deceive. And Chriſt Jeſus ſaith, *woe unto you, when all men ſhall ſpeak well of you*; for ſo did their Fathers to the falſe Prophets. Now try them by the Scripture, and ſee whether this woe be not upon them, and whether they be not of the falſe Prophets. And *Peter* ſaith in 2 *Pet.* 2. *But there were falſe Prophets among the people.* Now try them by that Chapter, and ſee whether they be not theſe falſe Prophets, which denies the light, which comes from Chriſt Jeſus, their Lord that bought them: And through Covetouſneſs ſhall they through fained words make Merchandize of you; Let that in your Conſciences now try and ſearch them by this Scripture. The ſame Apoſtle in the Chapter before, ſaith, *We have alſo a more ſure Word of Propheſie, wherennto ye do well, that ye take heed, as unto a light that ſhineth in a dark place, untill the day dawn, and the day-ſtar ariſe in your hearts: Knowing this firſt, that no prophecie of the Scripture is of any private Interpretation: For the prophecie came not in the time of old, by the will of man, but holy men of God ſpake as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt.*

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Now see whether *Peter* and these that draw to the Light, be the false Prophets; or them that denyes the Light, and hates it: Read 2 *Tim.* 3. and try them by that Scripture, and see if they be not them that the Apostle speaks on there, *having a form of Godlinesse, but denying the power*: and he saith, *from such turn away*. And see if they be not of this sort, *which creeps into houses*, and calls them Churches (when as the Apostle saith, the Church is in God,) *and leads Captive silly women laden with divers lusts: Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.* Now see and try your Teachers by these Scriptures, and see what you have learned of them all your dayes that you have followed them; what you can witnesse of God or of Christ, made manifest: Nay, that in your Consciences will confess that you do not know this outward Scripture, which makes them manifest to be the false Prophets & Deceivers, who drawes from the light which gave forth the Scriptures; even in the knowledge of the outward letter you are blinded by them: Read 2 *Pet.* 3. 3. and see if ye and they be not found those *scoffers, walking after your own lust, saying, Where is the promise of his coming?* And read *Jude*, and try them, & see whether they be not found there under the Woe that he speaks on, whether they run not *greedily for rewards, & so perish in the Gainsaying of Core*. And let that in your Consciences which is of God, which respects no mans person; read and examine those Scriptures, and try them, and see whether they be not erred from the Light, & so drawes others from the Light, which is and ever was the Saints Teacher, and ever shall be; from which all the holy men of God ever spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost: And from which Light all these Scriptures were given forth, which these Deceivers takes in their mouthes, and drawes people from the Light which gave forth the Scriptnres, and so betraves their soules. Therefore all people to the light in your Consciences, which Christ Jesus hath enlightened you withall, turn within, keep to it, and go not forth, nor look not outward, and it will let you see the deceivers and betrayers of your soules: And if ye be faithful and obedient to it, it will let you see your Saviour. False Prophets is in the world, and Antichrists is in the world, and the Deceivers is of the world, and those that doth not confess Christ Jesus come in the flesh is of the world; But those that dwell in the Light, which Christ Jesus hath enlightened them withall, this leads out of the

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world, out of the worlds wayes, fashions and Customs, and this makes a separation from the world, and this leads up to God: And this Light is the Condemnation of the world, and the condemnation of all the deceivers, false prophets, and Antichrists which are in the world: And who is faithful and obedient to the light, witnesses Christ made manifest and come in the flesh; and these are no Antichrists; And these are they that go forth to bear witness against the false Prophets and Antichrists which are in the world; and these are they that are stockt and beat, and Imprisoned, and persecuted by those which are of the first nature, which is *Cain* who slew his brother; and this is of the world. And by this Generation all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, must suffer persecution, and it is our joy and rejoycing not only to believe on his Name, but also to suffer for his sake.

All poor people who are in the dark world, blind, led with the blind, beware and look where you are, lest you both fall into the ditch, and try your Leaders by the Scripture, who is pleading for sin and transgression, and telling you, that ye shall not be free from sin, nor perfect while you are upon earth. Now is that fulfilled which the Apostle speaks on in 2 *Tim.* 3. And the perilous times are come: and woe unto you if you do not hearken to the warning of the Lord God who calls unto you for Repentance, and to return to the Light of Christ in your Consciences; and to return from that sort which the Apostle speaks on, *having a form of godlinesse, denying the power*; of this sort are your Teachers which are to be turned away from, *which creeps into houses, and leads silly women captive*, and so keeps you *ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*: And tells you none can be perfect while they are upon earth: And so they plead for sin, and against Christ Jesus, and the Apostles and Prophets, and all the holy men of God: For Christ saith, *Be ye perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect*, Matth. 5. 48. And again, Christ said to the young man, which asked him what he lacked yet; *If thou wilt be perfect, Sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor*, as in *Matth.* 19. 20, 21. And again, the Apostle saith, We speak wisdome among them that are perfect. And when he parted with the brethren, he bad them, *Be perfect, Be of good comfort, be of one mind*, 1 *Cor.* 2, 6. 2 *Cor.* 13. 10, 11. And your Teachers tells you, that you must never be perfect, but that you must sin as long as

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you are upon Earth; And so they are Ministers of Antichrist, and upholders of sin, and the Devils Kingdom; try them by the Scripture, and you shall find them contrary to the doctrine of Christ, and of the Apostles, and not to have received the gifts, which he gave to the Prophets, Apostles, and Evangelists, for the perfecting of the Saints; as you may read in *Ephes.* 4. 11, 12, 13. And the same Apostle went about warning every man in all wisdome, that he might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Now see your Teachers and Leaders, if they have not another spirit, then that Christ and the Apostles had, who makes it their trade to plead for sin, and against perfection, which all that ever were sent of God prayed and preached for: As the Apostle did night and day, praying exceedingly, that he might see their faces, and might perfect all which was lacking in their faith, 1 *Thess.* 3. 10. And the Apostle *Peter* prayed that they might be perfect when they had suffered awhile; And the Apostle said, who was a Minister of Christ, that the Scripture was given forth by Inspiration of God, *that the man of God might be perfect.* And here your Teachers are found to be denyers of the Scriptures, and so are found to be Ministers of Antichrist, and not so much as Ministers of the letter, who pleads against it, and the ends it was given forth for. And they are out of the practice of all that ever taught for God. *Noah* was a Preacher of Righteousnes, and he was a perfect man: *Abraham* was a friend of God, and God said unto him, *Walk thou before me, and be thou perfect:* and *Lot* was a just man, and the Lord delivered him: and *Job* was a perfect and a just man: and *David* saith, *Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace,* Psal. 37. 37. And *Solomon* saith, that *the upright shall dwell in the* Land, *and the perfect shall remain in it* Prov. 2. 21. And again he saith, *The righteousnesse of the perfect shall direct his way,* Prov. 11. 5. Now all people search the Scriptures, and try these deceivers, and betrayers of your soules; And let them be witnesses against themselves, that they teach, nor you receive nothing of God from them; for what ever is of God in the least measure is perfect; the first principle that comes from God is perfect; *Every perfect gift is from above.* And the Apostle said, *As many as be perfect, be thus minded,* Phil. 3. 13. And the Apostle saith, *We are glad when we are weak, and ye are strong, and this also we wish, even also your perfection.* And again he saith, *Let*

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ns go on to perfection. Now ſee your blind guides, whether they be not the Miniſters of the Myſtery of Iniquity, and under the dark power, who pleads for ſin, and againſt perfection, which all that e.er were ſent of God preached for, and prayed for, and laboured for; *for the perfecting of the Saints, and for the perfecting of holineſſe in the fear of the Lord,* 2 Cor.7.1. Eph.4.12.

Given forth for the good of poor deceived peop'e by the Spirit of God, as the Scriptures was by the Holy men of God who ſpoke them forth as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt.

TO all you who look outward to your Teachers without you, blind guides, which plead for ſin, contrary to the Scriptures, and the Apoſtles, and all the holy men of God: Who were ſent of God, were ſent to reprove ſin, and to direct their minds unto that which leads out of ſin up to God who is pure, and cannot behold Iniquity: And contrary to this your Teachers brings tho e Scriptures, that were ſpoken to the wicked, and to the world, and ſo keeps you in ſin and blindneſs, and thereby maintains the Kingdom of ſin; as ſome of them have ſaid, Ye muſt ſtill be ſinners, and never be perfect, nor without ſin: and for the upholding of this, they bring ſuch Scriptures as theſe, where *Solomon* is ſpeaking of Drunkards, Mockers, and of the Sluggards, and of thoſe thar have divers weights, and di.ers meaſures; and he ſaith to thoſe, *Who can ſay, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my ſin.* And this they bring to croſſe Chri t, and the Apoſtles, and all the holy men of God who ever taught, and laboured, and prayed for holineſs and perfection, and purity. And likewiſe *Solomon* ſaith in the ſame Chapter, *The juſt man walketh in his Integrity.* Now all peop'e, try your Teachers by that Chapter, and ſee who it is that *Solomon* is ſpeaking amongſt, when he ſpoke theſe words, and ſee how groſſely you are deceived by them, and how they betray and murther your ſoules.

Another Scripture they bring in, *Eccleſ.*7.20. *Solomon* ſpeaking of the things he ſaw in the daies of his vanity, and of the juſt

and righteous man that perisheth, and of the wicked that prolongeth his life in wickedness; and he saith in the 29. verse, *Loe, this onely have I found, that God hath made man upright: but he hath sought out many Inventions.* And when he is speaking of these he saith, that *there is not a just man upon the earth that doth good, and sinneth not.* And this they bring to maintain sin, and speak against that which Christ said, and the Apostles, and all the Holy men of God. And the same *Solomon* saith, *The labour of the righteous tendeth to life; the fruits of the wicked to sin*; fooles make a mock of sin, and sin is a reproach to any people. Now try and see whether ye be not bewitched with these Idol Shepherds that propheſies for *Baal*, and makes merchandize of your soules, and keeps you under their bondage: But Christ is come to redeem you from their mouthes who goes about to devour you.

Another Scripture they bring in 1 *John* 1. 8. *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive our selves, and the truth is not in us.* And this Scripture they bring to testifie against *Iohns* own words in the same Chapter, who saith in the next verse, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness; and in the sixth verse he saith, If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin: Now dear people, see how you are besotted and blinded with these *Babylons* Merchants, which sells your souls for getting money to themselves. Oh go not after them, for they lead you into the dark, and so under the power of the Prince of darkness, and from the light, which all the Saints of God walks in, and so are cleansed from all sin.

Another Scripture they bring to plead for sin, in *Rom.* 4. 5. where the Apostle is speaking of the two Covenants of faith, and of works, where the Apostle saith, To him that worketh not; but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted to him for righteousness: and this Scripture they bring to justifie the wicked and ungodly, and to uphold the Devils Kingdom of sin to crosse the Scriptures, and overthrowe all which Christ and this Apostle and all the Apostles laboured and suffered for: *David* saith, the ungodly shall not stand in judgement, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. And the Apostle saith in 1 *Tim.* 1. 9. the

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Law is for the ungodly, and for ſinners; and the Apoſtle ſaith in *Rom.*1.18. For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven againſt all ungodlineſs and unrighteouſneſs of men. Now all people, let that of God in your conſciences examine, and try you how you dare ſtand in the preſence of the living God, when that in the time of that which you call your worſhip, your teachers Doctrine is to uphold the Kingdom of ſin, which whoſoever commits is of the Devil. And another Scripture they bring in, *Rev.* 8. 3. where the Angel that took the golden Scepter, offered up the prayers of the Saints. And this Scripture they bring to uphold ſin, and ſay, if they had no ſin, what need they pray. Now let all the children of light, who have but the leaſt meaſure of God, behold the abomination of theſe blaſphemers, who ſaith, that the Saints were ſinners, becauſe they prayed, and would bring all the Saints of God too under the ſin, and the tranſgreſſion, and ſo to be the ſervants of the Devils, as they are. Ieſus Chriſt ſaith, he that commits ſin is the ſervant of ſin, as in *Iohn* 8. 34. and in *Rom.* 6. 16. he ſaith, his Servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of ſin unto death, or obedience unto righteouſneſs; and read the 20. verſe, and the prayers of the wicked is abomination to the Lord. And *David* ſaith, if I regard iniquity in my heart, God will not hear my prayer; and yet theſe deceivers pleads for ſin, and brings the prayers of the *S*aints to prove it. And here they would make Chriſt Ieſus the only begotten of the Father a ſinner, who fell on his face and prayed, *Mat.* 26. as you may read 3 ſeveral times in that Chapter; And again, in *Mark* 14.35. he fell on the ground, and prayed, and again he went away and prayed; and ſo ye may read, that he prayed in ſeverall places of *S*cripture, Ieſus Chriſt who is the everlaſting offering and ſubſtance of all prayers, he offered up prayers to his Father. And now ye people of *Carmel*, come hither and try your teachers *Bermelt* and *Camelford*, and all ye people of *England*, try your teachers, who hath preached to you theſe ſcriptures, to uphold the Devils Kingdom of ſin, And let them come and try their God, and let the ſcripture try them what God they ſerve, ſeeing that they have brought theſe Scriptures that are before mentioned, to uphold the Kingdom of darkneſs, iniquity and ſin, And do you who are their hearers that goes after them: ſee what ye uphold, and what ye can learn of them, that are under the

power of the Prince of the Aire, which rules in the Children of diſobedience, as their fruits makes them manifeſt, and labours with all their ſtrength to keep you there with them, who are blind, ignorant people, who are led with them blind guides, and ſo both falles into the ditch. Therefore a warning to you all, as you will anſwer it before the Lord God of Heaven and Earth, from whoſe preſence you can never fly, that you turn away from theſe blaſphemers againſt the truth of God, as you your ſelves may ſee, if ye be not wilfully blind. Let the Scripture judge them, and try them, their fruits makes them manifeſt to be deceivers and Antichriſts, and no Miniſters of Ieſus Chriſt, neither ſhall you ever learn any thing of them, that ever ſhall be owned of the living God; for their portion is curſt in the earth, as *Mal.* 2. 1. 2. And now Oh ye Prieſts, this Commandement is for you, if ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts, *I will even ſend a curſe upon you, and will curſe your bleſſings, yea I have curſed them already.* And the Lord ſaith, *curſed be the deceiver*, as in *Mal.* 1. 14. So all dear people, as ye love your ſouls, turn from theſe curſed deceivers, which are of the Generation of *Cain*, where ſin lies at their doors, and they lie wallowing in it, as you may ſee by their filthineſs, drunkenneſs, and quarrellings: and minde the light of God in your conſciences, which Chriſt Ieſus hath enlightened you withall, which light bears witneſs, and teſtifies againſt all ſuch filthy, unclean practices as they live in; & that which checks you for ſin, and ſhowes your ſin and thoughts of your hearts, and lets you ſee how you have ſpent your time, and lets you ſee that God is pure, and cannot behold iniquity: to this turn your mindes, and to this hearken and be obedient to it, and turn away from theſe Murtherers of your ſouls, as you will anſwer it before the Lord: and remember that ye are warned in your life-time, and called to repentance while it is to day, which ſhall be an eternall witneſs and teſtimony for God, and your eternal condemnation, if you diſobey it.

From a friend of your ſouls,
and your eternall good,

Margaret Fell.

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AND to all you that beat the Servants of God, you fulfill Christs words, who said, *They shall beat you in the Synagogues*; which ye do now in this Generation; *Mark* 13. And *Paul* was haled out of the Temple and beaten, *Acts* 21. and you now hale out of your Synagogues, and that you call your Temples: and Christ speaketh in *Mark* 12. of beating the servants of God: and the Apostle was beaten after they were brought before the Chief Priests and Rulers of the people, *Acts* 14. 5. And the people and Governors rose up against the Apostles, and beat them very sore, and cast them into prison; these are the Marks by which ye may know what Generation these are of, that beats and persecutes the Saints of God, and casts into prison: and the Apostle saith, in 2 *Cor.* 11. thrice was he beaten with rods, and they beat him openly: So now the wicked and sloathfull servant appears, which beats his fellow-servants; who is to be cut asunder, whose portion is with the hypocrites and unbelievers: *Luke* 12. such as are drunk, and eat and drink with drunkards, And Christ said, *Ye shall be hated of all men for my Names sake they shall persecute you in the City, and will scourge you in their Synagogues, and will bring you before Governours; but he that endures to the end, shall be saved; the Disciple is not above his Master, nor the servant above his Lord, if they have called the* Master *of the house* Belzebub, *how much more them of his houshold?* And all you that spit at the people of God now, you may read your examples, as them that did not spare to spit at *Iob*, *Iob* 30. and you may read your example, when the chief Priests rent his Clothes, how they spit at Christ in his face, and bufferted him, and struck him with rods, and asked him, saying, *prophesie unto us O Christ, who smote thee*: and here again you may read your example; in *Mat.* 26. and again you may read another example in *Mat.* 27. how they spit upon Christ, and took a Reed, and smote him upon the head. And again, you may read another example in *Mark*, How the high Priests and Scribes condemned Iesus to death, and he said, they should mock him, and spit upon him. And again you may read another example, how some began to spit at Christ, and covered his face, and beat him with their fists, and the Sergeants smote him with rods; for this example you may read, *Mark* 14. and another example you may read *Mark* 15. how they smote Iesus

on the head with a Reed, and bowed the knee, and mocked him, and began to ſalute him: and here you mockers, beaters, and that ſpit at the Children of God, you may read your example in *Mat.* 15. And again, ye that ſtone the people of God in the Markets, and high wayes, you may read your ſelves to be of that Generation that took up ſtones to ſtone Chriſt. And they ſaid, they ſtoned him for blaſphemy, *Iohn* 10. And the Diſciples told Chriſt, that the Iews ſought to ſtone him, and they ſaid unto him, Wilt thou go thither again? And the High Prieſts gathered a Councel, & they conſulted together to put him to death: And the Apoſtles was uſed deſpitefully, and they ſtoned them, *Acts* 14. And *Steven* who was examined before the chief Prieſts, he was ſtoned to death with ſuch as held up the outward Temple, and they gnaſhed upon him with their teeth, as the world do now; And there is your example, *Acts* 7. and *Matth* 21. 35. how they killed and ſtoned the ſervants of the Lord: and the Apoſtle *Paul* was ſtoned and drawn out of the City, ſuppoſed to have been dead: and in the 2 *Cor.* 11. the Apoſtle ſpeaks there how he was ſtoned: and another example you may read, *Heb.* 11. how the people of God was ſtoned whom the world was not worthy of. So ye that ſtone the people of God now, here you may read your examples before mentioned; And you are the Generation that ſtone ſuch as ye are not worthy of.

The 13. *day of the* 4. *Moneth.*

TO all Friends and People every where, where this may come, do I *James Millner* and *Elizabeth* my Wife, who are of them, whom the world ſcornfully calls Quakers; we do for the truths ſake, and for the clearing of it, and wiping away thoſe reproaches and ſcandals which have been caſt upon it, by the rude wicked world, who lyes in wickedneſs and uncleanneſs; and have taken occaſion to caſt many ſlanderous reproaches upon the truth; which was occaſioned by ſome weakneſs which proceeded from us, when we were young in the truth, about half a year after we were Convinced: We witneſs the Living power made manifeſt in us, and the promiſe of God we did then witneſs

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in measure, where it is said in the second of *Joel*, *Your sons and your daughters shall prophesie*: and the testimony of Jesus (which is the spirit of prophesie) we did then witness in measure: but being then young in the truth, and the dark mind being above the prophesie which was in the light, which dark mind could not comprehend and see the prophesie what it was to; so the mind being carnal took the prophesie, and looked out at Carnal things: But now that is born up in our understandings, the Light which comes from Jesus, which comprehends the darkness; and now we see where we mist, and erred from the light; praises be to the Living God for ever. And therefore do we in the presence of the Living God, own our Condemnation due to that which erred from the Light; and do witness it present upon us, and the Judgment of God to be just: And we do also witness the Living truth to be pure and just, which by us hath suffered; though we had perished in that Condition: but glory be unto the Eternal God for ever; who hath turned us from the darkness, unto the light and from the power of Satan unto God: And whereas the enemies of God, and of his truth, some of the Priests which took Information, from some which took occasion about that time to stumble, and fall back from the truth, and hath put it severall times in print, to make the truth odious, and to cause weak ones to stumble; and to keep others from receiving of the truth: We do here therefore openly declare in the Eternal light, whereby we see and comprehend, and condemn and deny, that which turned from the light, and with the light which never changes do we shut it out, and condemn it too amongst the false Prophets and Antichrists that are in the world; and in the light which is Eternal, do we see that mind that erred from the Light to be one with all the Priests of *England*. And I *James Milner*, and *Elizabeth* my Wife do here joyntly together in the presence of the Living God deny that which led us from the light, and all the Priests of *England*, and all the professions in the world which is out of the light; with which light we see them and the false prophet which spoke unto us to be one: And therefore do we passe Condemnation on them both; And in the light which never changes, do we stand witnesses against them for ever: Knowing them, and seeing them to be deceivers, and no Ministers but of Antichrist: And they are them who takes occasion, by all meaus

means they can, to render the truth odious, and to keep the Seed of God in bondage; that so they may make Merchandize of soules, and so betray the simple: But the Lord God of life is laying their Abomination open, and uncovering their filthiness: Therefore thou Priest, *Shaw*, and all thy partakers, who have made this our errour a cloak for your filthiness, take it to your selves, it is your own, (and stop your mouthes with it) for in the Eternal light which never changes, we deny both it and you, and condemnes you into the pit for ever: And in the Eternall light we do stand witnesses against the blind guides; and for the living truth which never changes, are we witnesses: And this are we ready to seal with our blood: And this are we moved of the Lord to declare to all the world, for the clearing of the truth; and wiping away the reproaches which lyes upon it, and taking away the stumbling blocks: And we do likewise testifie to all the world, and do see it in the eternal light which comes from Jesus Christ the true Prophet which *Moses* writ of, who said, *A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up like unto me, him shall you hear*; which we witness to be come and made manifest in us: Therefore do we know, and see, and to all the world declare, that all the false Prophets that ever propheſied falsly, (who propheſies for *Baal*,) whose minds have turned and erred from the light, as ours was when we looked out from the light which never changes: Therefore do we declare and witness to all the world, That all the false Prophets that ever was and ever shall be, is of that Generation, and of that nature, and one with the Priests of *England*, and all the Priesthood which is in the world, which is changeable, and erred from the light, which is eternall, and unchangeable, which comes from Jesus Christ, the unchangeable Priest, and end of the Prophets; and this we know, and witness in our measure: whereby we see the deceit they all live in; glory and praises be to the Living God for evermore.

James Millner. Elizabeth Millner.

To

To all you who yet know not the true Ministers of Jesus Christ, from the false Teachers of the world.

1. *WHether he be the true Minister of Jesus Christ, that preaches the Word in season, and out of season, at all times and in all places where he comes: or he that observes a set day, time and place, judge ye.*

2. *Whether he be the true Minister of Jesus Christ, that is content with the Gospel wayes, food and rayment: or he that will have the tenth of mens estates, or a great summe of money yearly for his pains; judge ye.*

3. *Whether he be the true Minister of Jesus Christ, that is humble, lowly, and meek, willing to be servant to all, that live in the truth; or he who is proud, covetous, and idle, Judge ye.*

4. *Whether he be the true Minister of Jesus Christ, that is despised, hated, and persecuted of the world; or he who is set up by the world, called Master, loved of the world, given to pleasures, and who lives in idleness, devouring the Creation upon his lust; judge ye.*

5. *Whether he be the true Minister of Jesus Christ, that speaks the Word of God in power, from the mouth of the Lord, and no more but what he can and dare witnesse to have received from the Lord; or he who onely trades with the letter, and sells it for Money: speaking of the Saints Conditions, and knowing nothing of it in himself, who onely lives in the form without the power of God; judge ye.*

Friends,

HEre you have a clear distinction betwixtt he Ministers of Christ, and the Ministers of the world, who are set up by man, which Jesus Christ cryes Woe against; therefore hold not them up any longer, *Lay not out your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which satisfieth not*; but *Hearken diligently unto me, that your soules may live.* For he hath promised to teach all his himself: And he *is nigh you, even in your mouth, and in your heart.* If you hearken to the true Light of God in your Consciences, it will *teach you to deny all ungodlinesse, and to live soberly, justly, and righteously in this present evil world, Looking up unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of your faith.* Dear Friends, I know both these sorts of men by experience, and therefore I do utterly deny the one as false Teachers, their fruits every way shews it: and the other I do witness to be the Ministers of Jesus Christ; and to preach the Gospel and the Crosse of Christ, *which is foolishnesse to them that perish, but unto us that are saved it is the power of God.* Consider of all the false prophets, in the time of the true Prophets; and you shall find them to be of the same Generation now as was then: Read and consider of these places I have given you in the Margent; for it is the love to your Soules, I have freely given you this, as I freely received it from the Lord. Herein I have discharged my self, and you will be left without excuse, when the Lord comes to plead with you. I am your servant in the Lord in a weak measure.

Matth.23. Mark 12. Isa. 55. Isa.54.13. Rom.10.6, 7, 8. Jer.31.33, 34. Heb.12.1, 2. 1 Cor. 1, 17,18,19, 20,21. 2 King.22. 2. Jer. 29. 8, 9.

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To the Heads and Governours of this Nation, who have put forth a Declaration for the keeping of a day of ſolemn faſting and Humiliation, for the perſecution (as they ſay) on the poor Inhabitants in the Valley of Lucerna Angrona, *and others profeſſing the reformed Religion, which hath been tranſmitted unto them from their Anceſtors.*

Anſw. PRofeſſing their reformed Religion, may be tranſmitted to Generatiõs, & ſo holden by the tradition, & in that where the profeſſion and tradition is holden, in that is the dayes of humiliation kept, which ſtands in the will of man, which is not the faſt which the Lord requires, to hold down the head like a Bul-ruſh for a day, and the day following be in the ſame condition, as you were the day before: To the light of Chriſt Jeſus, in your Conſciences do I ſpeak, which teſtifies for God every day, and witneſſeth againſt all ſin and perſecution, which meaſure of God if you beguided by it, doth not limit God to a day, but leads to the faſt which the Lord requires, which is to looſe the bonds of wickedneſs, to undoe the heavy burthens, and to let the oppreſſed go free, and to break every yoak, *Iſa.* 58. 6. this is the Faſt the Lord requires, and this ſtands not in the tranſmiſſion of times, nor in the tradition of men; but this was before time was, *Mark* 7. 7, 8, 9, 13. *Col.* 2. 8. 15. *Mat.* 3. 9. and this leads out of time, and this ſhall be when time ſhall be no more. And thoſe that teach for Doctrine, the Commandements of men, are they which ever perſecuted the life and power when it came.

And a Decree or Edict (as you call it) proceeds from the ground of the Popes Religion and Supremacy, and there ſtands his tyranny and cruelty, acted in that will which is in that nature which exerciſeth Lordſhip over another, as you may read, *Mark* 10. 42. *Luke* 22. 25. as all the Heathen do and ever did, and in the heatheniſh nature is all the tyrany, and perſecution exerciſed, who are out of the obedience of the light of Chriſt Jeſus in the Conſcience, which is the guider and leader of all who are tender of that of God in the Conſciences, and who is not led by this, knoweth not what it is to ſuffer for Conſcience ſake.

And whereas you take it into your consideration, the sad persecution, tyrany and cruelty exercised upon them, whom you call your Brethren, Protestants, and therein do contribute and administer to their wants outwardly: this is good in its place, and we own it, and see it good to administer to the necessities of others, and to do good to all; and we who are sufferers by a Law derived from the Pope, are willing to joyn, and contribute with you to their outward necessities; for the Earth is the Lords, and the fulness thereof, who is good to all, and gracious to all, and willing that all should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth; but in the mean time while you are doing this, and taking notice of others cruelty, tyrany and persecution: turn your eye into your own bosoms, and see what is doing at home. To the light of Christ Jesus in all your Consciences, which never changes do I speak, which cannot lie, nor cannot erre, nor cannot bear false witness: which doth witness for God, and cry for equity, and justice, and righteousness to be executed. See what is a doing among them who professeth the Scriptures, as they were given forth by the Saints in light, who dwell in the light, and in the life of them, and them who do now witness the same light in the same life; and the same power which gave forth the Scriptures, (which ye profess) them, are persecuted, hailed out of the Synagogues and Markets, beat, stockt, and imprisoned. Now let that of God in your Consciences (which is just, and righteous, and equall) examine and try whether there be any example or president to exercise this persecution, which now many in this Nation suffer under. A people harmless and innocent, walking in obedience towards God, and towards man (though it be accounted heresie) but therein do they exercise themselves to have alwayes a Conscience void of offence towards God and man, as you may read *Acts* 24.14.15,16. not wronging any man, neither giving any just cause of offence, only being obedient to the Commands of the Lord, to declare as they are moved by the Holy Ghost, for the testimony of a good conscience, and say the truth of Christ, and lie not: their consciences also bearing them witness, *Rom.* 9.1. And for this do they suffer under them, who profess the same things for which they suffer. Now see if any age or Generation did ever persecute as this doth, who professeth Christ

Jesus who reveals the Father; and persecutes them that witness it so. Who professeth Christ Jesus the light of the world, which enlighteneth every one that cometh into the world: and persecutes them who bear this witness and testimony. They who professe that the Word is become flesh, and persecutes them who witnesse it so. They which profess, that whosoever confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is an Antichrist: and yet persecute them who doth confess him come in the flesh, and calleth them Antichrists and Deceivers. They profess that the Kingdom of Christ is come, and they persecute them that witness it come. They profess Christ Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the life, and they persecute them who witness him to be so.

But you will say, How shall we know that these people who say they witness these things do so or no?

Answ. Turn your minds to the light wherewith Christ Jesus hath enlightened you withall, which is one in all; and if you walk in the light you shall know the light of life, and then you will know, and then you will see what you have done, who have persecuted the Lord of glory, in whom is life, and that life is the light of men: and to no other touchstone shall we turn you, but into your own Consciences, and there shall ye find the truth of what we have declared unto you, and of what we bear testimony to: and when the books of Conscience shall be opened, and all judged out of them, then shall you witness us to be of God, and our testimony to be true; though now you may stop your eares, and harden your hearts while it is called to day, but then you shall know what you have done, and whom you have transgressed against; and then you will see that no persecutors in any age or generation that ever went before you, did ever transgress against that light (as some of this age doth) and measure of God made manifest, who persecute the same which themselves professe.

But you will say, That Christ and the Apostles were persecuted in their times.

Answ. The *Jews* did not know that he was the Christ when he came, though they had the Scriptures which prophesied of him; neither did they believe that he was risen again, when the Apostles preached his resurrection. But you say you believe he is

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come, and you say you believe his resurrection; and yet you persecute those that witness him come in the flesh: and those that are buried with him in Baptisme, and those that are conformable to his Death, and knoweth the power of his Resurrection according to the Scriptures; those you persecute, hayl before Magistrates, suffer to be beaten in your Synagogues, whipt and stockt, and shamefully intreated, and into prison cast, and kept, great summes of money fined and laid upon many of them: as many Goales in this Nation (at this day) doth testifie to your faces by a Popish Law.

Therefore honestly consider what is done, whilest you are taking notice of others Cruelties abroad, lest you overlook what is done at home: for there is much difference in many things between the Popish Religion and the Protestant (as they call it) but in this persecution there is no difference; for you will confesse, that the foundation of your Religion is grounded upon the Scriptures; and now some men are persecuting the same life as spoke forth the Scriptures, under a profession of the words, thus spoke; and this you shall eternally witness. So you have the profession and the form, and persecute the possession and life and power of that form. Therefore know assuredly, that you must come to Judgment: for he is made manifest, which is without form, to whom all Judgement is committed.

Therefore to the light of Christ Jesus in your Consciences (which changeth not, which searcheth and tryeth you) turn your minds, and stand still, and wait there to receive the righteous Law which acts according to that of God in the Conscience, which is now rising and bearing witness against all ungodliness, and unrighteousness of men. And those whom you persecute is made manifest to that of God in all Consciences, and that of God in all Consciences shall witness for us to be of God, and this you shall eternally witness, whether you will hear or forbear. And *our rejoycing is this, the testimony of our Consciences, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdome, but by the grace of God we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.*

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And therefore do we bear witness and testifie against the form and profession of it, who persecute the life and power. Therefore to the Eternal light of Christ Jesus which is the searcher and tryer of all hearts, turn your minds, and see what ye are doing, lest you overturn your foundation and bottom whereon you stand, while you are professing the Scriptures; and persecuting the life, light, and power that gave them forth: for the stone cut out of the Mountain without hands, is now striking at the feet of the Image which the profession (that stands in the will of man) hath set up. Now is that made manifest, that all must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in the body, according to that which they have done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terrour of the Lord, we perwade men, but we are made manifest unto God; and shall be made manifest in all your Consciences, which you shall eternally witnesse.

The Afflictions and the Sufferings of such that suffereth by the Popish Laws and waies, beyond the Seas, by which Law of Queen *Maries* that guarded the Jesuite Priests and the Popish waies, doth now the Babes and Children of God, which are in the unlimited power and spirit suffer imprisonment, yea and great fines of money, and have had both bread and drink kept from them, within your own Nation; therefore consider, that within the Nation they be set free from those Popish laws which the Priests have yet to guard their Church, which guarded the Jesuits and their Catholick Church; (by which Law the Children of God now suffer: therefore consider and break down all the Supremacy of the Popish Church, and that which guarded their Priests in your own Nation, that now suffer by that; but let the sword be upon that laid which would limit the Spirit of the Lord God: That with one Consent all dwelling in the light, which comes from Christ who is the way to the Father where the Church is, may relieve their brethren, without any pretence, go relieve others in another Nation, and leave that Popish law to make others suffer in your own Nation. Therefore that Condemn, the Lord God dread and fear, that him you may know, who doth good to the Just and the unjust, for them we are not against: So be ye mercifull even as your heavenly Father is mercifull; therefore we

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and many others which have suffered by Queen *Maries* Law in this Nation, doth send some relief to them who doth suffer by the Papists Wills, Laws and Inventions in other Nations, that the sufferers bowells may be refreshed, and they anointed; though many do suffer by the same Law given forth by the same nature, which causeth them to suffer beyond Sea; and many which gathers them relief causeth them to suffer, which all with the light condemned and answered shall be with the light in all Consciences; which light being comed to and obeyed keeps from Idols, and leads to the Church in God, and which brings to do good unto all, especially to the houshold of faith.

Written from the Spirit of the Lord the 16. Day of the 4. Month.

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